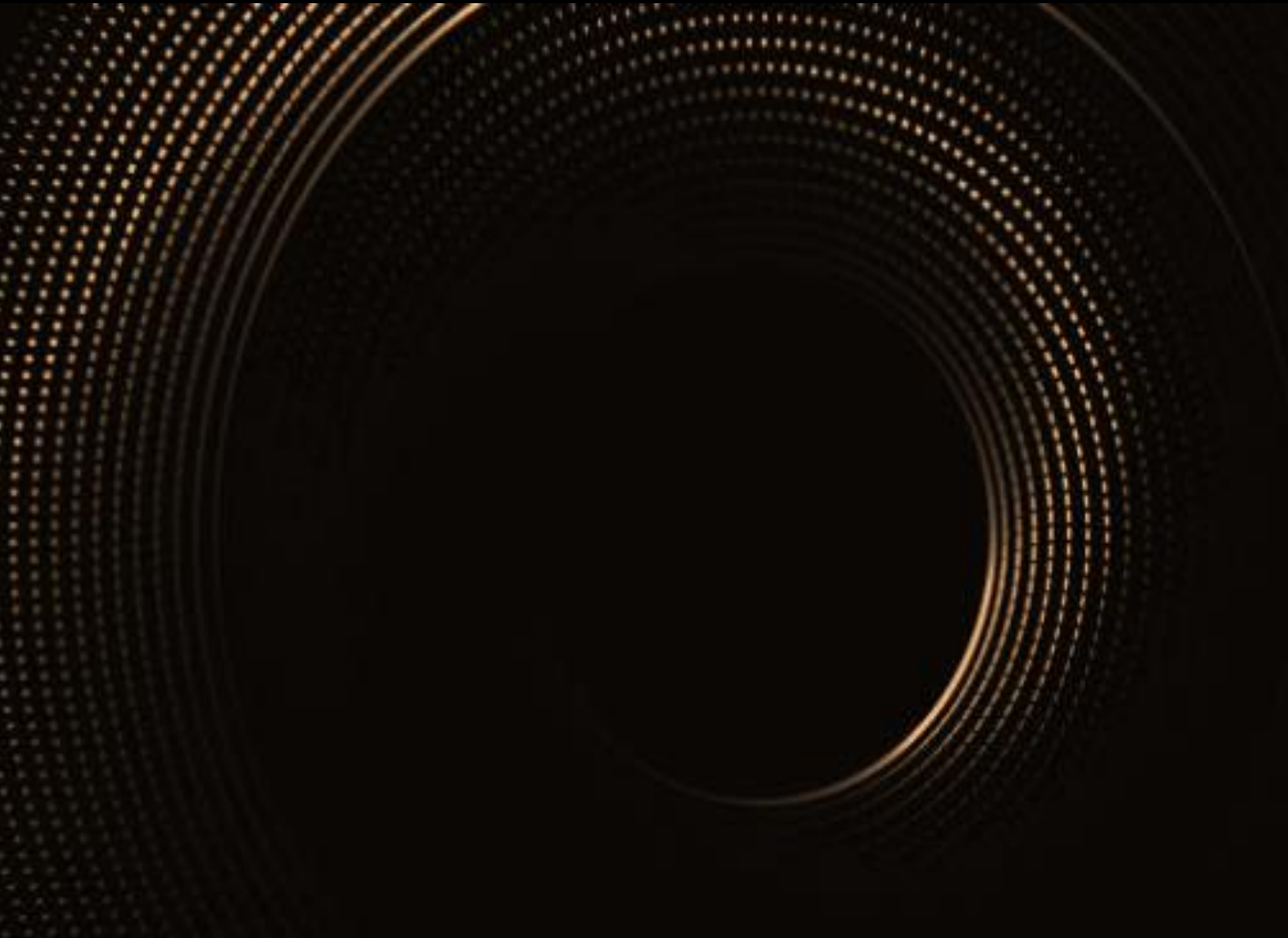


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Ecclesiasticus 6:22-29

“Wisdom’s Blessed Bonds”



²² For wisdom is according to her name, and she is not manifest unto many. ²³ Give ear, my son, receive my advice, and refuse not my counsel, ²⁴ And put thy feet into her fetters, and thy neck into her chain. ²⁵ Bow down thy shoulder, and bear her, and be not grieved with her bonds. ²⁶ Come unto her with thy whole heart, and keep her ways with all thy power. ²⁷ Search and seek, and she shall be made known unto thee, and when thou hast got hold of her, let her not go. ²⁸ For at the last thou shalt find her rest, and that shall be turned to thy joy. ²⁹ Then shall her fetters be a strong defense

for thee, and her chains a robe of
glory.

This personification of
wisdom is used to describe
the connection of it to
discipline.

Wisdom is valuable and is
not revealed to everyone.

Willingly submit
to her for protection and
security. Listen and pay

attention to what I'm saying
and don't reject my advice.

Put your feet in her
restraints. Let wisdom
guide the direction of your
steps. Put your neck into
her chains to allow wisdom
to affect your attitude and
behavior. Bow down your
shoulder and endure her.
Humble yourself to wisdom
and revere her.

Approach her with your whole heart. Be completely sincere when coming to her. Keep her ways with all your power. In doing what she says, go hard! Be all in! Search and seek for her. Dig and dig deeper. You'll find her. She'll be revealed to you. When you have her, hold her and don't let go.

You'll finally understand

what rest and joy really means. You will find rest which will become joy. That's when you'll really "get it". You'll totally comprehend the value of her influence. You'll appreciate wisdom as your strong defense. Her chains will be to you as a glorious robe.

The pursuit of wisdom

is a voluntary godly
discipline with rewards.
Accept her bonds and
receive her blessings.